

Meal Sack and Lantern To Suppress All Cats

Backyard Concerts Must Cease Commissioners Have Decreed—Tax and Tag or to the Pound With Puss.

Citizens who object to backyard cats will be rid of them. On this the Board of District Commissioners stands as a unit. Troublesome felines will be taxed, and will be allowed to run at large only after their owners have secured tags for them as is now done in the case of dogs.

Provision will be made for impounding those whose owners have been delinquent in paying the taxes set on them. Some plan will be adopted for killing all untaxed cats. What the rate of taxation on the cat family will be is as yet undecided, but it is certain that such a tax will materially swell the District revenues.

Cat Population 70,000.

It is roughly estimated that there are about 35,000 dwelling houses in the District, and to give an average of two cats to each backyard is a conservative count. Even with this figure, however, there would be a feline population of 70,000 in the District. The present dog tax is \$2 per dog annually. If the tax on cats were put as low as \$1 per cat, the profit to the District would be \$70,000.

That these things will become facts at the next session of Congress is assured. It is known that the District Commissioners all favor the decimation of cats, and thus minimizing the volume of the midnight serenade to which so many city dwellers are helplessly subjected.

"Of course," said Commissioner Mac-

farland today, "nothing will be done in the matter before the next session of Congress. Then, however, we will make our recommendations. It has not been determined just what the steps are that will deal most effectively with the cat question, but the general idea of the Commissioners is to deal with them as the dogs are treated. They will be taxed and tagged."

In enforcing a cat law many difficulties will be experienced, it is believed, as elusive and wayward creatures go abroad only beneath the starlight and in the gloom of the back yards. It is presumed that a special force of inspectors will be employed to lie in ambush for the felines and nab them unaware.

Lantern and Meal Sack.

These inspectors, it is said, will be provided with a dark lantern and a meal sack. With these unusual weapons they will sally forth at dead of night to indulge in their detective work. This will be, it is claimed, a training school for the regular detective branch of the local police force.

How the cats are to be killed when their taxes are unpaid is a problem of no mean significance. That a drug will be found strong enough to do away with their nine lives is highly improbable. That the superstitious dread of killing a cat will make it difficult to secure an executioner is expected.

Nevertheless, the authorities are determined to cut out the backyard serenades, and it will be done. The protests of the citizens have been heard with favor.

BOARD OF TRADE WILL EAT TOOTHsome SHAD

Arrangements Complete for Annual Outing at River View—Excellent Pastimes Promised.

Arrangements are complete for the Board of Trade shad bake, which will take place tomorrow. This is the eleventh annual bake of the Washington Board of Trade, and will probably achieve the success which has marked its predecessors.

The final details were settled yesterday at a meeting of the committee having the arrangements in charge, of which Cuno H. Randolph is chairman. There will be a special committee on the comfort of guests, presided over by Frank A. Butts, a reception committee under William A. H. Church, and Mr. Foster directs the efforts of the entertainment committee. Among other things, provided for the amusement of the guests are promised some striking novelties in the way of sports arranged for by S. W. Schmetz, committee on athletics.

There will be two boats to convey the party to River View, the scene of the festivities, one leaving at 10:30 o'clock in the morning, and one at 2 in the afternoon. It will be possible to return as early as 8 o'clock.

Guests and members will be provided with distinctive badges, and handsome souvenirs will be provided at dinner.

POLICEMAN JOHN SMITH WILL LOSE TWO DAYS

Policeman John C. Smith, of the Fifth precinct, will be deprived of two days' leave for having shot a mad dog without notifying the Health Officer of his zeal to get rid of dangerous animals.

The animal, which belonged to J. M. Holmes, of 455 South Carolina Avenue, southeast, was a fox terrier, and evidently was dangerous. Nobody objected to the dog being shot.

\$1.25 Washington to Baltimore and return, B. & O. R. R., every Saturday and Sunday. Tickets good returning until Sunday night. All trains except Royal Limited.

HOME CONSUMPTION OF THE WHITE STAPLE

Statistics Showing Enormous Increase in the Cotton Growing States. Effect on Foreign Mills.

The Department of Agriculture will soon issue a comprehensive report on the consumption of cotton in the cotton States, compiled by J. L. Watkins, the cotton expert of the Bureau of Statistics. Reviewing the industry in the last twenty years, it says that, notwithstanding the great increase in the world's consumption of cotton, the overshadowing feature of the period is the phenomenal increase in consumption in the cotton States. This consumption in the South increased 1,607,000 bales, or 69 per cent, the consumption in the North increased in twenty years 782,000 bales or 59 per cent, and in the whole country 2,389,000 bales, or nearly 148 per cent.

The report says every additional 10,000 bales consumed in this country means shorter time for some foreign mill, and perhaps, its shutting down, if no further expansion of the cotton crop takes place. In the last twenty years the United States has increased its cotton crop nearly 5,500,000 bales, or about 95 per cent. India's crop has increased 1,500,000 bales of 400 pounds each, or 73 per cent; Egypt's crop has increased 570,000 bales of 500 pounds each, or 73 per cent; Russia, which formerly drew so largely on this country for her raw cotton, is now supplying her own mills with 200,000 to 300,000 bales, grown in her Trans-Caspian provinces; Brazil has almost ceased exporting cotton, on account of the home demand for her crop, and the Continent of Europe has increased its consumption of cotton 2,492,000 bales, or about 95 per cent.

While Money Is Deposited With Union Trust & Storage Co., 1414 F St., it draws 2 per cent interest, and is subject to check at will.

The Key to the Situation you have. Unlock the pantry portals; put Elk Grove Butter in it. At your grocer's.

DELEGATES RETURN FROM HOLY LAND

Washington Representatives to Sunday School Convention in Jerusalem Guests at Public Reception.

American delegates to the fourth world's Sunday school convention, which was held April 18, 19, and 20, in Jerusalem, arrived in New York Thursday night aboard the chartered steamship Grosser Kurfurst. The Washington members of the party will come direct to this city, and tonight, from 7 to 10 o'clock, they will be the guests of honor at a public reception at the Reform Bureau.

In the list of Washington delegates are the Rev. C. H. Butler, pastor of Kellar Memorial Church; Mrs. Sallie Russell Reeves, primary teacher in the Western Presbyterian Church, and Mrs. Wilbur F. Crafts. A number of Washingtonians went to New York to meet the incoming steamer and escorted the delegates back to Washington. Preparations for the reception have been completed, and several hundred guests are expected to attend.

The pilgrims left New York on March 5, aboard the Grosser Kurfurst, which was specially chartered to carry the American delegates, which numbered nearly 800. In addition to attending the Sunday school convention at Jerusalem arrangements were completed for trips to other interesting and historical places, with many side excursions for

those who desired to take them. The trip consumed a little over nine weeks, and during all that time every day and hour had been filled by the committee in charge of arrangements.

Included in the itinerary were all points of interest in and about Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Bethany, and Caesarea. Trips were made between Joppa and Alexandria, Damascus, Galilee, and Samaria. Landings were made at Madeira, Gibraltar, Algiers, Malto, Trieste, Constantinople, Smyrna, Beirut, and Haifa. At Jerusalem the pilgrims visited the Pools of Solomon, Rachel's Tomb, Bethlehem, the Mount of Olives, and Gethsemane. Naples was also visited, with trips to Pompeii, Rome, and Nice.

All evangelical denominations were represented at the convention.

Dine at Hotel Manhattan, 604-6 9th. Fine table d'hôte daily, 5 to 7:30, 50c. Excellent service. W. J. Vonderheide.

\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return \$1.25 Via Pennsylvania Railroad, every Saturday and Sunday. Tickets good on all trains except Congressional Limited.

\$6.00—World's Fair—C. & O. Ry. 10-day Coach Excursion, via scenic route, 2:30 p. m. Sat., May 28. Only one night out.

A Sale of Men's Pants.

An unusual cut-price sale, which commences at a time when you need a new pair of trousers for your spring suit. The choicest patterns and wools to select from.

THREE LEADERS.

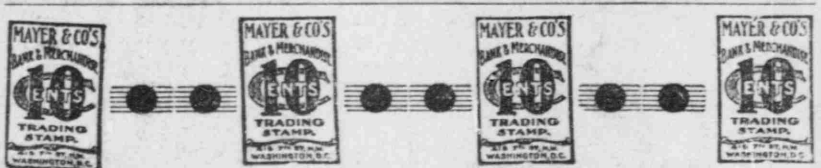
Men's \$2.50 Pants, \$1.48

Men's \$3.50 Pants, \$1.98

Men's \$4.25 Pants, \$2.98

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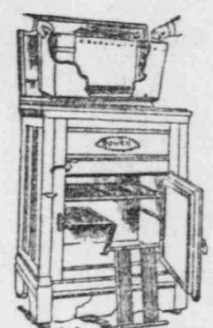
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OPEN UNTIL 9 P. M. SATURDAY.

Pictures, 10c.

Worth 25c to 75c.

This sale ought to be a record-breaker in sales—it is one in fact in values. We have just received 5,000 Pictures—Passe Partout Matted Pictures and Novelties.

More Than 200 Subjects—Fruit, Game, Animals, Fancy Figures, Washington Scenes,

—and other novelties, including "The Boston Terrier" and Double Leatherette-covered Photo Holders. These pictures range in size up to 19 inches square.

Choice at 10c Each.

Also 1,000 Gilt-frame Plaques, beautifully-tinted subjects; frames are both gilt and black. All finished with a hanger. In this lot are more than 100 different subjects, and although the values are up to 75c each, the sale price will be—choice..... 39c

Fourth floor and first floor Bargain Tables.

Special Prices for Saturday Only.

TOILET ARTICLES.

FREE!

Ask for sample of Colgate's Perfumed Toilet Powder while at this department tomorrow.

Pure White and Green Olive Oil Castile Soap, 1-lb. bars..... 10c
Rubber Complexion Brushes and Soap Dishes..... 12c

Wild Irish Rose Perfume, an ounce..... 47c
Peroxide of Hydrogen, an effective antiseptic and disinfectant..... 15c

18c All-Bristle Solid-back Hair Brushes, Choice..... 40c
Sample Tooth Brushes that are worth 15c to 25c each..... 10c

New Books.

The long-delayed book by Winston Churchill, "The Crossing," will positively be on sale in our Book Department May 25. \$1.08 Price..... \$1.08
Thomas Nelson Page's new book, "Bred in the Bone," will be on sale here tomorrow. \$1.08 Price..... \$1.08

New Fiction for Summer Reading.

These titles are ready at 15c copy-right books that have been issued in paper covers.
THE ONE WOMAN—THE VIRGINIAN—BARBARA LADD—THE CONTINENTAL DRAGON—THE MYSTERY OF MURRAY DAVENPORT—CALMET K—THE CHOIR INVISI- 15c
BLE, Choice, a copy..... 15c
18c Paper-back Novels, by such authors as Hawthorne—Killing Julius Verne—Dumas—Mullock—Alexander—Hall Caine—Stevenson—Henty, and others, quality well known. Choice at..... 5c

Tabard Inn Gossip.

We have just received a shipment of new books for our Tabard Inn Library. Come in tomorrow and make a selection. Exchange fee 2c. Fourth floor.

Uncommonly Good News of

Wash Waists.

10 Styles at \$1.00

NOT a single one that you'd think too high priced should we ask \$2.00.

They are all of white Persian lawn, made in novel and pleasing style, with elaborate trimmings of Val. laces, Swiss inserting, tucks, and hemstitching.

All have large sleeves, fancy stocks, and tucked cuffs.

Second Floor.

Walking Skirts at \$2.98

All Wool, Worth \$5.00.

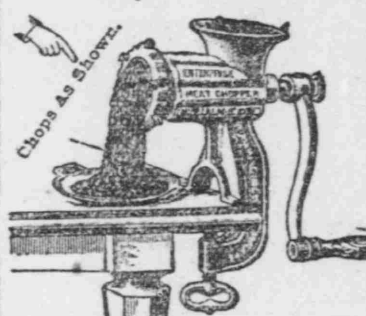
Women who get these \$2.98 Skirts tomorrow at a saving of more than \$2 may attribute their good fortune largely to the bad weather this week. Also to the fact that this lot, the last we shall have of wool walking skirts like these, was exceptionally large. The materials are strictly all-wool—in a variety of very neat effects. Colors are grays, tans, medium brown. The skirts are made in one of the most popular styles of the year—stitched folds which open into a full kilt at the bottom.

On This Saturday List of Necessary and Desirable

Summer Housefurnishings

your savings would amount to exactly \$36.79, should you buy one each of the 28 articles to be offered at cut prices tomorrow. This is figuring upon the basis of our own regular prices, invariably lower than the same qualities are sold for generally elsewhere.

Do you wonder that we are doing the business of the South?



\$1.50 Enterprise Meat or Food Choppers, complete with 4 95c different knives. Cut to.....

\$3.00 Lawn Hose, 25-ft. 3-ply hose, with nozzle and coupling; complete on hardwood hose reel. Cut to..... \$1.95

40c Market Baskets, with strong handle and cover; family size. Cut to..... 25c

\$1.25 Ironing Boards, on strong stand; made of selected cedar; 5 feet long. Cut to..... 75c

65c Combination Towel Rack and Comb and Brush Tray; fitted with 6 by 9 mirror; hardwood finish, in antique oak. Cut to..... 39c

65c Cup and Saucer Rack, 14 by 25, fitted with brass hooks, hardwood finish, in antique oak. Cut to..... 35c

\$6.50 Blue-flame Oil Stoves, "Perfection" make; non-explosive, odorless and smokeless, brass oil tank, 2 burners, fully guaranteed. Cut to..... \$4.98

12c Acme Flour Sieves, the 7c revolving kind. Cut to.....

22.25 Ice Cream Freezers, heavy blocked tin can, best quality cedar tub; double motion, \$2.39 quart size. Cut to..... 14c

25c Sugar Cans, japanned tin, neatly stenciled, hinge lid; choice of 2 sizes. Cut to..... 14c

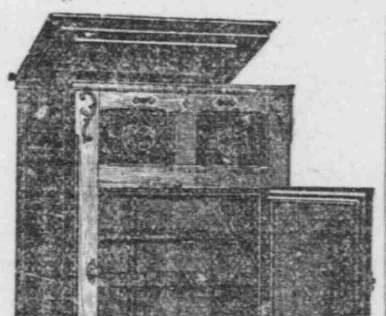
\$3.00 Gas or Oil Stove Ovens, single or double styles, best quality Russian iron, 2 shelves. \$1.98 Cut to.....

\$2.25 "Ideal" Oil or Gas Stove Ovens, best blued steel, extra good size. Cut to..... \$1.35

\$1.00 Round Willow Clothes' Hamper, with attached cover, family size. Cut to..... 69c

Best quality Hardwood 9c Clothes' Pins, 100 for..... 34c

50c Bread Boxes, japanned tin, neatly stenciled; choice of 3 sizes. Cut to.....



\$12.50 Refrigerators, hardwood, galvanized lined, packed with mineral wool and charcoal, sheathing, sliding shelves, 40-lb. ice capacity. Cut to..... \$9.98

\$4.50 Ice Chests, Ramey make, galvanized lined, mineral wool packed, solid ash case. Cut to..... \$2.98

\$3.00 "Daisy" Nursery Refrigerators, neatly japanned in oak, galvanized lined, mineral wool packed, nickel faucet; separate ice compartment. Cut to..... \$1.95

\$1.50 Gas Stoves, 2 patent burners, aluminum or nickel fin- 95c ish, guaranteed. Cut to.....

\$2.50 Gas Stoves, 3 patent burners. Cut to..... \$1.48

\$10 "Reflection" Blue-flame Oil Stoves, 3 burners, on \$7.98 cabinet stand, for.....

\$9.00 Enterprise Gas Ranges, 3 removable drilled burners on top; separate broiler, large oven; fully guaranteed. Cut to..... \$6.98

\$2.25 Wash Boilers, of best quality heavy polished tin, copper bottom and 24-inch copper rim; choice of 3 sizes, 7, 8, and \$1.19 9. Cut to.....

\$1.50 Galvanized Iron Ash Cans, with strong bottoms and riveted handles, 20-gallon size. 95c Cut to.....

\$1.50 Medicine Cabinets, well made and fitted with 8 by 12 mirror in door; side shelves. 95c Cut to.....

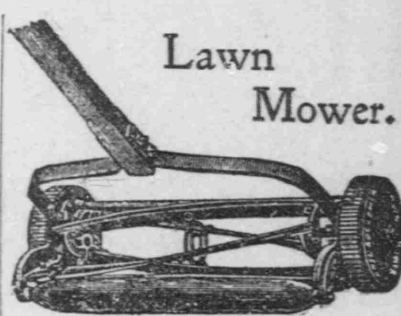
25c Hennis Fruit or Potato Press, the most satisfactory press made. Cut to..... 17c

Soaps at Cut Prices.

Proctor & Gamble's Oileine Soap. Cut to..... 39c

Ivory Laundry Soap, 6 for..... 25c

Brook's Crystal Soap..... 25c
Babbitt's Soap, 6 for..... 25c
Pinola Washing Powder, pkgs. 40c
Gold Dust Washing Powder, 6 for..... 25c



\$2.15 Home Lawn Mowers, 12-in. size, light and easy running; fitted with best quality steel knives, sharpened ready for use. \$2.09 Cut to.....

\$5.00 Lawn Hose, 25-ft. 5-ply high pressure Hose, with nozzle and couplings; complete on hardwood hose reel. Cut \$3.19 to.....

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Another Extraordinary Saturday Sale

The most sensational suit values we have ever offered are in this sale which starts tomorrow. We say this with full understanding of what this statement means.

We took One Thousand Suits off the maker's hands for cash at a half and a third the usual prices. They're yours at the same saving

Men's Suits worth \$8, \$10, and \$12, for \$4.75

Men's Suits worth \$13, \$14, and \$16, for \$7.00

Men's Suits worth \$18, \$20, and \$22, for \$9.50

\$2.25 Men's Pants..... \$1.23 \$4.00 Men's Pants..... \$1.98 \$6.00 Men's Pants..... \$2.98

300 Men's Serge Suits—Absolutely pure wool—fast color guaranteed or money refunded. Saturday..... \$6.40

Men's Vicuna Prince Albert Coats and Vests; manufactured to retail at \$25. Coats and Vests..... \$12.95

200 Boys' Long Pants Suits; from 14 to 19 years. All light mixtures. Sold for \$7 to \$10..... \$3.98

Children's Cassimere Knee Pants, 20c a Pair | Two Lots of Children's Suits, \$1.48 and \$2.39

Great Values in Men's and Boys' Shoes

The celebrated \$3.50 and \$4.00 Crockett Shoes. Each Shoe bearing the name and price of the maker. High and low cut styles. All leathers for..... \$1.98

All of our Men's \$2.50 and \$3 Patent Leather, Vic, Colt Skin, and other style Shoes. High and low cut for..... \$1.48

Manufacturer's Sale of Men's Underwear at Exceptionally Low Prices.

The famous Sea Island Combed Underwear, with short or long sleeve shirts. Worth 75c for..... 48c

Men's Negligee Shirts; all popular materials, with attached or separate cuffs, 75c grade..... 48c

Our great 50c Balbriggan Underwear in tans, blacks, and white, for..... 39c

Men's Fine White Madras Shirts; with attached or detached cuffs..... 48c

Balbriggan Underwear; all colors; long and short sleeves; 50c grade for..... 25c

Men's Lightweight Suspender Shirts; Regular 35c kind..... 20c

Men's Fine Sox, Clock-work, Patter, 2 Pairs for 25c

One lot of Men's Black Lace Hose, 25c kind, for 17c.

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